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Our Family Traditions

Wisconsin has many longstanding traditions. The one best known around the country is hunting, which is especially prominent in our neck of the woods in Buffalo, Jackson, and Trempealeau Counties. We have people coming from far distances to hunt on our rich lands and often times they come back to where they hunted when they were young. It is great to be able spend time in the woods reflecting and to also pass on this beloved tradition to our loved ones.

We have already been in the midst of bow hunting, but gun season for deer starts November 23rd and I don't know about you, but I could not be more excited to sit in my deer stand and wait to harvest white-tail deer by gun. I have been hunting with my friends and family for many years, in fact this is my 30th season, and I've been teaching my daughter this tradition in the hopes that she one day passes it on to her children as my father has with me. I encourage you to teach more young people how to hunt, whether they are your child or not, to keep the tradition going here in Wisconsin.

While hunting is my favorite tradition, as the holidays approach it is equally important to support our local economies. Our small town mom and pop shops are struggling to compete with the big box stores in the larger cities. I know sometimes it is easier to go to Eau Claire, La Crosse, or even over the border into Minnesota to get our household items from one store, but our local shops tend to have the same goods as their competitors and you are supporting local jobs.

Instead of driving long distances to go to big box stores, there is time to be saved to continue to hunt and spend time with your friends, family, and members of our communities by shopping local. Many times our local shops and restaurants have products that have been made right here in Wisconsin, which is always nice to see.

In addition, our local restaurants depend on the members of our communities to eat at their great small town, family owned restaurants. Not only do you save travel time, but you can enjoy some fresh food or coffee after a long day of holiday shopping in your local communities. Many of these smaller restaurants have a family to feed and their own bills to pay. Our local restaurants continue to offer great meals, so please show your support by shopping and eating locally.

I wish you a successful hunting season and remember to continue to shop local!

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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